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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 20, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after January 20, 2005, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

